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Cuban Party Leaders Condemn Raid

HAVANA

Two of Cuba's eight-member Communist Party Politburo attended a meeting in an isolated village last week to condemn an attack there that left two dead and four wounded.

Letter From Cuba

Raiders machine-gunned the village of Boac de Sama in Oriente Province, earlier in the week, the first such attack against Cuba reported this year.

Last year in the same area, a small group of infiltrators was rapidly wiped out after landing. Politburo member Armando Hart described Boac de Sama as a community of 90, most of them fishermen living in 16 houses with only a school, kindergarten and one shop.

The other Politburo member present was Juan Almeida, former interior minister and now representative of the Politburo in Oriente Province.

In his speech, Hart wondered how the attackers could flee to a bigger boat which was waiting for them without the material help of the U.S. government.

He added that Cuba would like to be able to build its future without fear of aggression. But he said aggression and threats existed because of the existence of Yankee imperialism.

Hart concluded, "We will build in spite of the imperialists, and against them our only answer is Fatherland or death, we will overcome."

LAST YEAR Prime Minister Fidel Castro said Christmas and New Year were festivities not suited to a socialist tropical country and holiday celebrations were postponed until around July 26.

Children, however, are

on Island Village

given toys and other gifts Jan. 6, the traditional day in Spanish-speaking countries.

In this respect measures were announced this week to avoid the nation-wide chaos, all-night lines and angry mothers which accompanied toy sales around Christmas last year.

Although there were toys for everybody to be bought with ration books, mothers all over the country lined up in front of shops, sometimes for days, to be the first to choose the best toys.

New regulations this year provide for distribution of a special card to each home with children. The cards will then be collected, draws will be held in each district, and a toy-buying list made.

People who want to buy toys will be informed at what time they should go to the neighborhood toy shops during a five-day period to be set by the government.

—Charles Lambelin